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1. The excavations for the foundations of a new barracks complex were begun in the autumn of 1952 about eight km north of Ploesti and 800 m east of Blejoiu. There are six buildings.
2. Construction began on 8 Apr 53. The foundations are of concrete, and the walls are brick, 60 cm thick. The interior walls are 30 cm thick.
3. Construction is proceeding rapidly, and is expected to be complete by the fall of 1953.
4. The building is in the hands of the Military Detachment CM 18, labor troops. The unit is quartered in another barracks, about 150 m west of the new one, and is 450 to 500 men strong.
5. It was given out that these buildings were for workers' apartments.

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